



## Base News Briefs

### 30SW CC DECLARES TODAY HALF-DAY

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, has declared today as a half-day. The half-day policy applies to military members not required for mission essential duty. Col. Worley encourages civilians to take leave, use approved time-off awards or take earned compensatory time. All commanders are encouraged to make this opportunity available to their people. For military traveling out of the area, normal leave policies apply. Please remain vigilant and safe.

### VANDENBERG FIRE DEPT. HOLDS PARADE THURSDAY

The Vandenberg Fire Department is recognizing Fire Prevention Week, which is Sunday through Oct. 13, with a parade Thursday through base housing. The route is as follows: Wyoming to Utah, Utah to Korina, Korina to Aspen, Aspen to Laurel, Laurel to Korina, Korina to Utah, Utah to Juniper, Juniper to California, California to Mountain View, Mountain View to Mulberry, Mulberry to Willow, Willow to Timberlane.

### SECDEF EXTENDS PERMISSIVE TDY FOR MEMBERS

The office of the secretary of defense policy permitting permissive temporary duty assignments to ease the transitions to civilian life for military members separating or retiring was extended indefinitely. This change will be reflected in the next revision of Department of Defense Directive 1327.5 "leave and liberty." Effective immediately, the time limitation in paragraph 6.8.7 of DoD directive 1327.5 that extended the oasd-fmnp-memo of March 26, 1999 is deleted."

### BREAKERS STAFF INVITES FAMILIES TO DINNER

To help ease the stress of being separated from spouses, moms and dads, the 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron Staff will start a weekly dinner Thursday at the Breakers dining facility from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner hour is open to all family members of personnel deployed overseas in support of an operation. TDYs within the U. S. don't qualify. To participate, family members must bring a copy of their spouses' orders to the Services Squadron front office (Bldg. 11013 at 1036 Calif. Blvd just across from Bldg. 11777). For more information, call 606-5031.

### VANDENBERG POST OFFICE RE-OPENS

The Vandenberg Post office re-opened Monday. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### 2001 VEHICLE REGISTRATION DECALS EXPIRE SOON

The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron pass and registration office reminds base drivers to ensure their vehicle registrations are updated before the end of the new year. The "01" Air Force Form 2219 expires Dec. 31. To update vehicle registrations, customers need to bring their current state registration or a copy, base-related personal identification and a copy of the current decal number from the Department of Defense Form 2220. Owners of out-of-state registered vehicles also need a current California smog vehicle inspection report and proof of insurance. For more information, call pass and registration at 606-1853.

### U.S. FLAGS, RIBBONS NOT AUTHORIZED ON UNIFORMS

The American flag (facsimile) ribbons being sold at the military clothing sales store are not presently authorized for wear on the uniform or with ribbon racks.

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Team Vandenberg members can enjoy the beach this weekend. The Western Snowy Plover nesting season ended Sunday with good

results following seven months of beach restrictions designed to protect the threatened bird.

## OPEN: Base beaches open this weekend, plovers' success rate increases

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Sunday marked the end of the nesting season for the Western Snowy Plover, meaning Team Vandenberg members can enjoy all of the base's beaches beginning this weekend.

Base officials closed the beaches March 1 at the beginning of the plover-nesting season.

Negotiations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorized one-half mile of recreational beach access at Surf, one-quarter mile at Wall and one-half mile at Minuteman beaches. Surf Beach was closed completely Sept. 3 after beach violation thresholds were reached.

Under the Endangered Species Act, the base is required to protect the plover habitat and assist the recovery of the species. The plover was listed as a threatened species in 1993.

Preliminary data collected by base biologists suggests the plover population will once again increase in 2001.

"Although trends cannot be assessed from one year of data, the preliminary results from 2001 show one of the highest success rates ever for snowy plovers on Vandenberg since nest monitoring began in 1994," said Nancy Francine, Vandenberg's wildlife biologist with the 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron.

Nest numbers increased from 140 in 2000 to 182 in 2001. The estimated adult population also increased from 107 in 2000 to 135 this year, added Francine.

Francine doesn't attribute this year's success to beach closures alone.

"At this point, beach closure has not been in place long enough to definitively attribute these changes to the closures," she said. "The base (plover) population does appear to be gradually recovering from the extreme decline that followed the 1997 through 1998 El Nino," explained Francine.

Between 1994 and 97, the estimated population of the plover was 211 to 238.

Base biologists also saw above normal

hatch rates for the 2001 nesting season.

"Surf Beach had a 59 percent hatch rate, by far the highest hatch rate re-

corded for this beach," said Francine. The previous high was 41 percent in 1996. Basewide hatch rates were 53 percent. Francine explained the improvement in the Surf Beach hatch rate was a result of reduced predation, as only 22 percent of the Surf Beach nests were lost to predators this year. Predators accounted for 41 percent of nest losses from 1994 to 2000.

The primary predators known to impact plovers are coyotes and crows, both of which are highly adapted to seeking food from human-generated sources, said Francine.

Predators aside, Francine urges beach visitors to observe on-going restrictions in order to continue the plovers' successful recovery.

"Beach-goers must be aware that they

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## 'Seal' of approval

## Proof: rockets, wildlife can co-exist

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes when Team Vandenberg launches a rocket. Boosters are fueled, destruct mechanisms are activated and seals have their hearing checked.

Working closely with the 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight, SRS Technologies has been leading the way in marine mammal hearing research—all in the name of environmentally sound launch operations.

In 1997, SRS Technologies approached the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration-Fisheries Service, the federal agency that issues the base's environmental permits to conduct launch operations, said Dave Eidson, SRS Technologies director of operations.

"SRS asked NOAA-Fisheries what questions they wanted addressed regarding the affect of launch noise on harbor seals," Eidson said.

One concern, he said, regarded the effect of Vandenberg launches on the seals' hearing.

Another issue was that most or all of the harbor seals would leave the haul-out and enter the water. The haul-out site is the area where the seals rest on beaches or rocks when they're out of the water.

According to Dr. Phil Thorson, SRS Technologies senior research biologist, after launches, the seals would begin to haul-out again.

"What wasn't known was if the seals returning to the beach were the same seals that left," Thorson said.

He said NOAA-Fisheries also wanted to know what effect the launches had on the seal population at Vandenberg.

"SRS Technologies, using state-of-the-art tech-

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

(L to R) SRS Technologies' Erik Berg, bioacoustical engineer, Dave Eidson, program director, and Phil Thorson, senior research program manager, evaluate the hearing of a 5-month-old harbor seal.

## SMC brings whole new look to AFSPC

BY HAP PARKER

SMC Public Affairs

■ LOS ANGELES AFB, Calif. – The Space and Missile Center here, aligned under Air Force Space Command Monday, bringing the acquisition and operational worlds of U.S. Air Force space assets under one umbrella for the first time.

Team Vandenberg's Detachment 9, SMC, under the command of Col. John Wagner, was also pulled into the AFSPC fold with the move.

"While this realignment doesn't

change our mission here at Det. 9, I believe it will enhance our already close working relationships with the 30th Space Wing," Wagner said. "Now we'll have all space activities under one MAJCOM."

Through the realignment, AFSPC gains 1,488 military members and 2,290 civilian employees at the SMC, which handles more than \$56 billion in space assets.

AFSPC commander, Gen. Ed Eberhart, said combining space acquisition and operations functions is an

important part of the "transformation" of military space, as envisioned by the recent Space Commission report.

"For example, the same people who acquire our satellites may later be flying those satellites," he said.

"This closer-working relationship will benefit the entire life cycle of a space system. Most importantly, blending these communities will grow space leaders who can better understand and translate technical and operational re-

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## Team Vandenberg congratulates major selects

■ There are 19 Team V captains that will be trading in their bars for major leafs within the next year.

The Air Force has selected 1,719 of 2,340 eligible captains for promotion to major for the 01B cycle, an overall 73.5 percent selection rate. Air Force Space Command's promotion rate was 76 percent. The following captains were Team Vandenberg selects:

**Ayars, Samuel II**

2<sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron

**Belden, Daniel**

30<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron

**Bingue, Rachel**

30<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron

**Blackwell, Craig**

30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron

**Bodtke, Michael**

392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron

**Daugherty, Donald**

14<sup>th</sup> Air Force

**Flint, Trevor**

381<sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron

**Fluharty, Allan**

30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

**Hance, Janice**

30<sup>th</sup> OSS

**Hubbard, Darold**

533<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron

**Husfelt, Michael**

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

**Jones, Gregory**

30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron

**Lackey, Kevin**

614<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron

**Muratore, John**

30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

**Pinegar, David**

Air Force Operations Test and Evaluation Center

**Renga, Brian**

22<sup>nd</sup> Space Operations Squadron

**Trevillian, George**

14<sup>th</sup> Air Force

**Vincent, Derrick**

30<sup>th</sup> OSS

**Warzynski, Kevin**

576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron



### 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have fog in the morning and mostly sunny afternoons.



Low/High  
**46/64**

Visit the 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's website at [www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html) to get a five-day forecast.





Master Sgts. Stan Hoback and Robert Gregory, Air Force Space Command inspector general team, lead the way at the tri-tip buffet line in the Pacific Coast

Club Wednesday. Tri-tip is a popular feature and only one of the weekly lunch specials available at the club. The current membership drive ends Nov. 15.

# PCC begins ultimate membership drive

Your Pacific Coast Club, in conjunction with Air Force Services, is starting the “Ultimate Membership Drive” to increase club membership. Our goal is to sign up a minimum of 750 new members between now and Nov. 18. While this is an ambitious goal, I am confident we can do it. One of the reasons I’m confident is our new dues structure which has been significantly reduced.

Clubs have a long tradition of being the center of military community celebrations. Whether it be graduation or awards ceremonies, dining-ins, holiday parties, or any other special occasion, the clubs have brought together Air Force family and friends to enjoy and celebrate our unique traditions and customs.

Many people ask, “Why should I join the club?” or “What does the club offer me?” The answers to these questions are numerous and can be different for each person. The following are some basic benefits to being a club member that I feel are important:

The club is a great place to enjoy professional camaraderie with co-workers and friends.

As a club member, you can find your home away from home whenever you travel temporary duty, permant change of duty-station, or simply on vacation. If you want a good meal, to cash a check, relax in the lounge, or to partake in any of the other member services, just bring your membership card to any Air Force club and feel welcome to enjoy the

### Club dues schedule


- ◆Active and reserve duty 0-3 and above and civilian GS-7 and above: \$20 per month
- ◆Active and reserve duty 0-1 and 0-2: \$15 per month
- ◆Civilian contractors: \$20 per month
- ◆Active and reserve duty E-1 through E-3: \$5 per month
- ◆Active and reserve duty E-4 through E-6: \$8 per month
- ◆Active and reserve duty E-7 through E-9 and GS-1 through GS-6: \$10 per month
- ◆Retirees (all ranks): \$8 per month
- ◆Widows: \$5 per month

services provided by that club.

Another benefit to club membership is the catering. The Pacific Coast Club staff is ready to assist you in any way possible for your next special event. Whether planning a wedding reception for 500 or a quiet luncheon for five, the PCC can make it happen. Remember though, their talents are for members only. Nonmembers are not allowed to reserve special functions at the club.

Had a long week? Why not relax with your friends and co-workers in the PCC lounges? Enjoy beverage specials and a Friday Night Social Hour

Buffet while waiting to see if your name is drawn in the weekly cash giveaway. Team Vandenberg members who have not visited the club lately should drop by and see what it is all about. For those of you who decide to join before Nov. 18, Air Force Services, in conjunction with First USA, is giving away 10 brand new cars to new and current club members. However, just like the check cashing, catering, Friday Night Social Hour, cash giveaways, and the many other programs offered, this is for club members only. It’s important for everyone to remember that Air Force clubs must be self-sustaining. Our PCC has much to offer and will be able to offer even more as membership grows. Please help us nurture one of our great Vandenberg resources. See you at the club!

  
Commander 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

# CFC expands base fundraising methods

■RANDOLPHAFB, Texas — In a first time effort to increase fundraising for this year’s Combined Federal Campaign, special events such as raffles, bake sales, athletic events or other activities will be permitted at federal agencies during any six-week period between now and Nov. 15. The Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) establishes the exact campaign dates.

The charity expo held at the Pacific Coast Club Tuesday was an example of the special events allowed on base.

The Vandenberg Combined Federal Campaign committee held a charity expo Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. The expo was an opportunity for the public to learn more about local charities that people can contribute to through CFC. The club gave \$1 off lunch to the first 100 people who attended two agency presentations at the charity expo.

The changes to the CFC rules were approved by the Office of Personnel Management. While most changes will not alter the campaign at the installation level, they do expand the market of potential donors.

“In the past, the only contributions were from the individual direct to CFC through payroll deduction pledges,” said John Lowrance, USAF Fundraising Manager.

“People that contribute money, mostly do so out of payroll deductions. The majority of CFC funds come from individual contributors who give from their hearts. Allowing the CFC to have the same latitude as any squadron level event only makes sense. I think it will help installations in their efforts to raise money,” he emphasized.

“It’s going for the market that

would spend that money somewhere else. Now, you can have a special event where the individual receives a service in return for their contribution,” he said.

Bases are now allowed to have special events to achieve their CFC goals in addition to individual solicitation for donations, according to Lowrance.

At these special events, the donor has the option to select a specific charitable organization or the contribution will be distributed as an undesignated contribution, according to OPM regulations.

“The regulation says that you must allow the donor to designate their contribution or you must collect the money and it will go in as an undesignated contribution. Then it would be distributed by the formulas that any other undesignated contribution would be distributed by,” Lowrance said.

“This gives the project officer an avenue for some creativity that they’ve been seeking,” Lowrance said. “This in no way takes away from individual solicitation, that is the foremost method of solicitation. That’s where the bulk of any fundraising campaign comes from, where the individual gives from the heart,” he continued.

“We don’t want to diminish the individual payroll deduction contribution but at the same time it gives the project officer some latitude to bring their campaign in over goal,” Lowrance said.

Air Force fundraising regulations require installation commanders to support official CFC goals. In addition, commanders must approve any special events in support of the CFC. The special events must be consistent with agency ethics and regulations.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Jared Shaw at 606-0422.

(Courtesy Air Force News Service)



Deanna Libbon, Boys and Girls Club Santa Maria, and Capt. Brian Holbein, 534<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron, Operation Kid’s Christmas committee chairman, discuss some of the CFC charities people can contribute to during Tuesday’s expo. (Above) To date, Team Vandenberg has contributed more than \$45,000 to many of the hundreds of charities.

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*A routine sense of security and complacency are allies terrorists depend on for a successful mission. They can be defeated as long as everyone is aware of what’s going on around them. Report suspicious activity to the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron at 606-3911.*



# Estuary supports large, diverse wildlife year round

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will not be able to cross the river mouth to walk between Ocean and Wall beaches,” said Lt. Col. Scott Westfall, commander of the 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Environmental Flight.

That area will remain closed October through February in accordance with the 2001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biological opinion, Westfall said.

“Of all the valuable habitat areas on Vandenberg, the Santa Ynez River mouth and estuary supports the largest number and diversity of wildlife year-round,” Francine said. An estuary is an area where the ocean tide meets the current of a river.

Francine explained that, in the spring and summer, the Santa Ynez River mouth is a nesting area for threatened and endangered birds and their newly fledged young that visit the river mouth to rest and feed.

Vandenberg officials are currently reviewing preliminary data from the 2001 nesting season and will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on an interim plan for the 2002-nesting season. The results of that consultation will define the level of public beach access and other measures to be taken in 2002.



# SRS’s testing leads to innovations in mammal hearing tests

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nologies for wildlife research, assembled a plan that addressed these concerns,” said Jon Francine, SRS Technologies technical program manager.

After NOAA-Fisheries fully endorsed SRS’s plan and issued the research permit, their innovative study began.

To test the seals’ hearing, Francine and his team used the \$20,000 Auditory Brainstem Response system.

“It’s a commonly used electrophysiological method for assessing hearing function in humans that can’t be tested by the more typical behavioral method, ‘raise your hand if you hear the sound,’” he said. “This method is often used on neonates to see if there are any early signs of hearing loss.”

For seals, the one-hour test involves restraining the animal, attaching small sub-dermal electrodes and a placing a customized set of \$250 acoustical earphones over the animal’s ear canal.

SRS’s testing on seal hearing has led to some breakthroughs in wildlife hearing testing.

According to Francine, in acoustical analysis, there are weighting filters that allow sounds to be measured relative to human hearing. The most common filter is called A-weighting.

“Most studies on the effect of noise on wildlife have used this filter to measure the sound impacting the animal under study,” he said. “In



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

**Researchers attach radio transmitters to rear flippers in order to track its behavior on base before and after launches. The information is also used to monitor their haul-out activities.**

fact, most species of wildlife do not hear similarly to humans.”

SRS developed a weighting filter that better reflects how the seals perceive the sound, he said.

“In essence, we have developed the first wildlife-specific weighting filter that can be called harbor seal-weighted sound measurements,” Francine said.

Their test results have repeatedly shown that the seals’ hearing isn’t affected by launch noise.

His team also attaches radio-transmitters to the seals.

# SMC buys, deploys military space systems providing warfighting capabilities

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quirements into the world’s premier space systems,” Eberhart added.

From their campus-like setting at Los Angeles AFB, located in El Segundo, three miles southwest of Los Angeles International Airport, SMC employees research, develop and purchase military space systems.

It is from this administrative hub that military space requirements and contract funding and management are funneled through individual system program offices.

Controlling the reigns of this science and engineering organization is the commander, Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold. He is the enterprise manager responsible for cradle-to-grave acquisition of military space systems.

“I’m a strong advocate for space use,” he said. “The development of revolutionary space capabilities is on the horizon. Since SMC is the center of excellence for space and missile acquisitions, we consider ourselves on the tip of the spear for the development of systems which provide these revolutionary capabilities.

“Just think about it. We are living in the most challenging times of military space. From medium- to heavy-lift rockets and boosters to satellites and orbiting spacecraft, it all starts here. This center buys and deploys the military space systems that provide warfighting capabilities to our nation and allied forces.”

The SMC, through a \$5.8 billion annual operating budget, manages a multitude of current and future space systems. At any given time, there is anywhere from 15 to 19 different defense space programs in the works.

Chief among these programs is the internationally known NAVSTAR Global Positioning System. This constellation of satellites provides highly accurate three-dimensional position, velocity and time to a wide variety of U.S. and allied field forces as well as navigation data to civil and commercial users worldwide.

The latest in launch technology is the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, coming on board in mid-2002. This standardization of launch systems reduces the cost of space launch by 25 percent.

Also at SMC is the Space-Based Infrared System Program office, designing a infrared space surveillance system to replace the 30-year-old Defense Satellite Program, which has provided the “eyes in the sky” of early missile detection and warning.

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quired to register their privately-owned vehicles on base. Registration must be done within three work days after the vehicle initially enters the base. This is required regardless of the expiration date on the Air Force Form 2219, Year Expiration Tab, issued at the member’s last assignment. For more information, call pass and registration at 606-1853.

## LAB CHANGES CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS MONDAY

Beginning Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group lab hours of operation will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The lab will be closed Saturdays. For more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Pat Kennedy at 606-8475 or 606-0374.

## MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES FOR FUNCTION

The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group will close today at 10:45 a.m. for an official function. The medical group will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pharmaceutical needs and previously scheduled appointments. They will also be closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day. If a need for urgent or emergency care arises, go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number, (888) 252-3299, on the back of the Tricare card.

## OFFICIALS BAN UNIFORMS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

Air Force people are no longer authorized to wear their uniforms when traveling aboard commercial aircraft. The uniform prohibition, approved by Gen. John

Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, Sept. 21, is directly related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon. The policy ends the June 2000 recommendation that colonels and above, and chief master sergeants, wear their uniforms when traveling on official orders within the United States.

## MED GROUP HAS NEW OB-GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER

The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group has a new OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner. She will perform routine OB-GYN appointments, Pap smears, contraceptive counseling, etc. All military beneficiaries including active duty may schedule appointments through their primary care team by calling 606-CARE.

## Team Vandenberg Spotlight



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

**Name:** Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class David Lukas  
**Assignment:** 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, web designer  
**Home town:** Clifton, NJ  
**Time on Vandenberg:** 2 years, 6 months  
**Time in the Air Force:** 2 years, 10 months  
**Supervisor’s comment:** "Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lukas is the example of the Air Force's core values. His professionalism, attitude and ability is an asset to VAFB and the Air Force," said Staff Sgt. Jesse Justice, illustrator. "I'm proud he represents us in so many ways, with his work on the base website and through the base honor guard."



# Team Vandenberg congratulates October civilian promotees

■ The Sept. 28 issue of the *Space & Missile Times* ran the enlisted and officer promotions list for October. At the time the civilian list was not available.

The following reflects Team V's civilian promotees for October:

- GS-06**  
Marilyn Walters  
*30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron*
- GS-09**  
Beverly Calderon  
*30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group*
- GS-11**  
Barbara Schmaeling

- 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron*  
**GS-12**  
Frances Sarazen  
*532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron*
- Ronald Wiley  
*30<sup>th</sup> Range Squadron*
- Bryant Lombardi  
*30<sup>th</sup> CES*
- Diane Perry  
*30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron*
- Regina Ward  
*533<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron*
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*30<sup>th</sup> CONS*
- Michael Ulin  
*30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing*

## Vietnam hero's story airs on local PBS Stations



Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Pitsenbarger, standing in front of an HH-43 Huskie helicopter, gets “jocked up” for a mission in Vietnam. Pitsenbarger was awarded the Air Force Medal of Honor posthumously Dec. 8, 2000.

*By TECH. SGT. RON TULL*  
*Air Force Print News*

■ **WASHINGTON** — The story of an Air Force hero, and how his selfless acts affected the lives of those he saved, is featured in the first episode of a Public Broadcasting Service television series which debuts tonight.

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class William Pitsenbarger, who was honored posthumously last year with the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam, is featured in a program called “Life 360.” The show’s host, Michel Martin said, “...it’s a different mode of storytelling.” Its theme focuses on how humans are connected to one another.

In the Pitsenbarger segment, called “The Ripple Effect,” producer Dora Militarú explores the lives of four men who were saved from certain death by Pitsenbarger.

It tells the story of their impact on the world as well as their children’s.

Doug Blankeheim’s story is told in the words of his son Brad who comments that the ramifications of Pitsenbarger’s actions are enormous and a contribution to humanity.

Another person saved was Fred Navarro. Pitsenbarger covered him with two bodies, saving him from sniper fire. Navarro retired from the Army and has long since put Vietnam

behind him. He is now a school bus driver in San Antonio, living out a quiet life with his wife Annette.

The segment was inspired when a senior producer saw an ABC news story in December on the Medal of Honor ceremony. Several survivors were present and the PBS executive sent Dora Militarú to talk to them.

“The survivors I interviewed all think of Pitsenbarger as an angel that came out of the sky to save them,” Militarú said. “They all have totally different stories because they were saved at different times in different ways.”

The segment ends with the Medal of Honor being presented to Pitsenbarger’s father, Frank, by then-Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters.

“Pits,” as he was known, had posthumously received the Air Force Cross in 1966, but an effort spearheaded by survivors, fellow pararescuemen and Ohio Congressman John Boehner got the medal upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

The program is scheduled to air tonight at 9 p.m. EDT. People can tune it in on channel 2 on base and in Lompoc where people can view it on channel 7 and 8. The program is also featured on the PBS Web site at [http://www.pbs.org/opb/life360/six\\_degrees/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/opb/life360/six_degrees/index.html)

# AFSPC is ‘eyes’ in fight against terrorism

*By TECH. SGT. BUZZ RITCHIE*  
*341<sup>st</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs*

■ **MALMSTROM AFB, Mont.** — When the United States wages war against terrorism, it will fight looking through the eyes of Air Force Space Command.

According to Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, the United States will never go to war without the space systems operated by AFSPC, which he’s commanded since February 2000.

General Eberhart came to Malmstrom

Sept. 21 and attended a “Salute to the Community” dinner that night and was guest speaker at the base’s annual Air Force Anniversary Ball Sept. 22.

The general is commander in chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command, commander of Air Force Space Command, and the Department of Defense Manager for Manned Space Flight Support Operations at Peterson AFB, Colo.

“Whatever this nation does, wherever they do it, they’re not going to leave home without us,” the general explained while discussing the role his command plays in national defense and global stability.

“The capabilities we provide in terms of intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and global communication are very important in the on-going Operation Enduring Freedom.”

Operation Enduring Freedom is the military campaign to combat terrorism announced by President Bush following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and hijackings in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

The value of the command’s high-tech data is now more useful than ever, Eberhart said.

“The intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance imagery we’re able to get is much easier to read,” he said.

The data is also sent to U.S. warfighters much more quickly thanks to how AFSPC operators receive the images from satellites and pass along the data to

battle commanders.

The military satellites operated by the command now provide information the DoD can no longer take from reconnaissance aircraft like the U-2 or SR-71. And those communication satellites enable the United States to remain a global power.

“There’s no way we can have all the land lines and fiber optics we need laid out all over the world,” said the former forward air controller.

In 1970, Eberhart logged 300 combat missions in Vietnam as a forward air controller, learning firsthand the value of combat communications.

The accuracy of the munitions used in Vietnam falls far short of the precision-guided munitions used today.

That’s due, in large part, the general said, to the Navstar Global Positioning System, or GPS. GPS is a space-based constellation of orbiting satellites that provides navigation data to military and civilian users all over the world.

The GPS constellation is designed and operated as a 24-satellite system. GPS satellites orbit the earth every 12 hours, emitting continuous navigation signals.

“The reason we’re able to be so precise and usually destroy a target on the first pass and not have to send our people back into harm’s way is because the munitions are precision-guided,” Eberhart explained. The secure voice communication inside jet aircraft, which allows them to talk to other jets and people on the ground, is synchronized by GPS, he said.

As DOD leaders view the current global situation through systems overhead operated by AFSPC, Eberhart said the vivid images seen on TV Sept. 11 remind all of us what we’re fighting against.

“If we stop and think about those nearly 7,000 lives snuffed out, unsuspecting,” he said, “what we do in terms of deploying forward, leaving family and friends for a period of time, pales compared to that tragedy.”

*(Courtesy AFSPC News Service)*

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Commander, Air Force Space Command





PHOTO BY ARMY SPC. ZACK SHELBY

Air Force (white uniforms) and Navy soccer players fight for the ball during the Women’s Armed Forces Soccer Championship held recently at Fort Eustis, Va. The Air

Force team went undefeated in double-round-robin play to win the championship. The AF team outscored opponents 24-0 during the tournament.

# ‘No one comes close’ against women’s Air Force soccer team

BY ARMY SPC. ZACK SHELBY  
*Fort Eustis Public Affairs*

■ **FORT EUSTIS, Va.** — The Air Force blanked its competition to win the Women’s Armed Forces Soccer Championship here recently.

The Air Force lived up to the service’s motto of “no one comes close” during the week-long tournament by winning all six of their games by shutout and outscoring the Army, Navy and Marines by a combined 24-0 score.

Everything seemed to fall into place for the champions.

“We were fairly confident that this was the best team we had put together in years,” said goalkeeper Stephanie Jardine from Little Rock AFB, Ark.

“We had an excellent training camp at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina.”

It did not hurt that Jardine has played alongside her two outside defenders – Marie Clapmeyer from Lajes Field in the Azores, and Paige Henning from Los Angeles AFB, Calif. – for the past six years.

“They are the staple of our team and they (played) excellent,” Jardine

said.

And she was especially pleased with the effort of marking back Alexis Simollardes from Pope AFB.

“Lexi gives us (everything she has) all day long,” Jardine said.

Besides superior individual play, the Air Force prided itself on a team concept during their championship run.

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Sephanie Jardine  
Air Force team goalkeeper  
Little Rock AFB, Ark.

“We always had a total team effort for 90 minutes,” said Meghann McNiff from Hanscom AFB, Mass. “We were able to bring anyone off the bench and give the starters a fresh wind.

“There were no weak links on offense or defense,” she said.

At the awards ceremony, Col. James D. Sharpe Jr., 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade commander, said the spirit, competition and teamwork displayed by all the players “was truly symbolic of our nation, especially during this tragic time.

“There was some kick-butt soccer out

here,” Sharpe said.

“Every service represented themselves and their country very well.”  
*(Courtesy Air Force Print News)*

## ATWINDed



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>st</sup> CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Erin Moses gets a lunchtime workout on one of six treadmills in the fitness center’s cardio room. 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron officials plan to add two treadmills to the room with funds awarded from last summer’s ATWIND promotion.

### Vandenberg Hawks sport briefs

- The fitness center has a **new women’s varsity basketball coach**. Practice is held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the fitness center. Call Rod Paronto at 606-3238 for more information.
- The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing will sponsor a **Red, White and Blue Benefit Golf Tournament** Oct. 12 at Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. Registration is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The tournament begins at noon. For more information or to register, call 605-2871.
- Vandenberg First Sergeants Association is sponsoring the **2001 Project Good Neighbor Annual Golf Tournament** Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m. Call squadron first sergeants or Master Sgt. Mark Reed at 606-7358 for more information. The tournament is limited to 144 golfers. The entry deadline 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17.
- The **International Federation of Bodybuilders** has authorized active duty military members with valid military identification cards to attend the Miss Olympia Fitness, Ms. Olympia and Mr. Olympia competition free-of-charge at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., Oct 26 and 27. For more information on the event visit the web site at **www.ifbb.com**, or call Tech. Sgt. Rob Wilkins at DSN 854-2506 or commercial (312) 494-2506.

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# Community Calendar

## EVENTS

**5 FRI** PCPA Theaterfest presents the comedy-drama “**On Golden Pond**,” now through Sunday at the Solvang Festival Theater. For tickets and show times, call the PCPA box office at (805) 922-8313.

The Circle Bar B Dinner Theater in Santa Barbara presents the Neil Simon play “**Rumors**” now through Nov. 11. Show times on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call (805) 965-9652 for information.

The **San Francisco Mime Troupe** will perform a look at urban redevelopment at 8 p.m. today in the University of California Santa Barbara’s Campbell Hall. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

A **Vaquero Show and Sale** will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Solvang. The show will present old California tack to include silver bits, spurs, saddles and braided rawhide. It will also feature artisans and cowboy artists. A cowboy concert and barbecue will be held Saturday. For more information, call (805) 218-0881.

**7 SUN** The Allan Hancock College Concert Band will perform its **Autumn Pops Concert** at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Performing Arts Center’s Marian Theatre in Santa Maria. Admission is \$8. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 or toll free 1-866-3245, Ext. 3252.

Opening night of the **Santa Barbara Symphony** will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday and at 3 p.m. Monday in Arlington Theater, 1317 State Street. The concerts will feature works of Berstein, Cohen and Beethoven. For more information, call (805) 963-4408 or visit the website at [www.thesymphony.org](http://www.thesymphony.org).

**10 WED** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Allan Hancock College **Ruth Malvarose Memorial Chili-Cookoff** is scheduled for Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. behind the music building on the Santa Maria Campus. The event is a fund-raiser for the college’s United Way campaign. For more information, call (805) 922-6966 or (888) 342-5242, Ext. 3652.

A 12 dancer company will perform works by renowned and emerging choreographers in **Ailey II** at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the University of California at Santa Barbara Campbell Hall. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

**13 SAT** The **Guadalupe Beach Festival** and Indigenous People Celebration is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 13 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 14 at Guadalupe Beach and Jack O’Connell Park on West Main Street. The event will include live music; cultural activities; a surfing, fishing and photo contest; a fun run and nature hikes. For information, call Ed Griggs at (805) 343-2052.

**14 SUN** A **wine and food tasting festival** celebrating the harvest of Santa Barbara with live music, demonstrations, exhibits and silent auction is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 14 at Rancho Sisquoc Winery. For tickets and information, call (800) 218-0881 or visit the website at [www.sbcountywines.com](http://www.sbcountywines.com).

The **Harvest Moon Wine Auction**, a black-tie dinner and live auction benefiting Direct Relief International, will be held Oct. 14 at the Bacara Resort and Spa. For advance ticket orders, call (800) 218-0881.

Coastal Quilters Guild presents **Harvest of Colors** Oct. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. The event will feature more than 125 traditional and contemporary quilts. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (805) 682-0166.

**16 TUE** The Vandenberg Spouses’ Club has scheduled a **surprise bingo night** Oct. 16 at the Pacific Coast Club. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner costs \$8. People whose last names begin with the letter A through K should call Stacy Hensen at 734-7344. People whose last names begin with the letter L through Z should call Dawn Orban at 734-2218.

**17 WED** “**The Sound of Ecstasy, the Nectar of Enlightenment**” will be performed by Korean Buddhist monks in the ancient ceremony of Yong San at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 on the University of California Santa Barbara campus in Campbell Hall. Call (805) 893-3535 for more information.

**19 FRI** The **Lompoc Olde Town Market** is honoring celebrities Oct. 19 during the 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. festivities. Organizers are looking for anyone with an air speed record, an astronaut or something similar. Interested parties please contact the public affairs office at 606-3595.

A **Day in the Country** is an old-fashioned celebration in the community of Los Olivos Oct. 20. For more

## Tack ‘em on



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JONATHAN POWERJOY

**Col. Robert M. Worley II (right), 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander and Lt. Col. Brad Ashley (left), 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron commander, ‘tack’ new senior airman stripes onto Jennifer Goodrich of the 30<sup>th</sup> CS. Goodrich and Airmen 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matthew Mitchell, 30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron**

**and Brian Kaiser, 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron were awarded the new stripes through the Below-the-Zone promotion program. The program rewards outstanding airman first classes who have demonstrated exceptional ability above their peers and are ready for promotion.**

information, call (805) 688-1222.

**21 SUN** The annual **Bike Tour and Fest** benefit for the Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held Oct. 21 in Santa Barbara. The event will feature entertainment, a bike expo, beach bash and a ride along Santa Barbara’s scenic coast and hills. Call (805) 682-8783 for more information.

The **Goleta Lemon Festival** will celebrate the community’s lemon industry heritage Oct. 21 and 22 in the Stow House on 304 N. Los Cameros Road. The event will feature live entertainment, food and exhibits. For more information, call (805) 0967-4618.

**22 MON** The Pops Orchestra presents “**Fall for the Love of Music**” on Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. For more information or a season brochure, call 736-6792. Season tickets are also available.

The **Jerusalem Trio**, winners of the 1999 Osaka Chamber Music competition, will perform in the UCSB Campbell Hall at 8 p.m. Oct. 26. For more information, call (805) 893-3535.

**26 FRI** Participants at a children’s **October Craft Workshop** held Oct. 26 will be able to decorate several Halloween-themed items. For more information, call the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department at 736-6565.

The **29<sup>th</sup> anniversary German-American Club Dance** will be held Oct. 28 in Santa Barbara. Call (805) 897-3108 for more information.

**NOV 3 SAT** People can enjoy the challenge of a 25-, 50- or 100-mile bike ride during the **Prelude Bike Ride** in Solvang Nov. 3. For more information, call (562) 690-9693.

**4 SUN** The Santa Barbara News-Press is sponsoring a **half-marathon and 5k run** is scheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 4 at Leadbetter Beach. The event will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara Athletic Association. For more information, call (805) 892-2250.

The **Santa Barbara Symphony** will be performing works by Ravel, Paul Hindemith and Beethoven Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Arlington Theatre. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (805) 963-4408.

**5 MON** The **All Saints’ Festival Concert and Evensong**, featuring the Santa Barbara Boys Choir, will perform Nov. 5 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 1500 State Street. For more information, call (805) 965-7419.

**9 FRI** Las Floralias Flower Arranging Club will host the **Holiday Flower Arranging Show** from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 3721 Murdoc Road in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 967-0016.

**10 SAT** The **Peppertree Ranch Art Show** Nov. 10 and 11 in Solvang. For more information, call 805-688-6205.

**17 SAT** The State Street Ballet will perform the classic, “**Giselle**,” with an international cast of dancers Nov. 17 to 19. Performance times vary. Call the Lobero Theatre at (805) 963-0761 for more information.

**24 SAT** The Los Olivos gallery is hosting a **Holiday Art Show** Nov. 24 and 25. For more information, call (805) 688-1222.

**26 MON** Organist David Gell, will perform in the **16<sup>th</sup> annual Advent Organ Series** at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara. For more information, call (805) 965-7419.

**29 THU** The Harbor Restaurant and Longboards in Santa Barbara will host a **buffet and silent auction benefit** for Unity Shoppe Nov. 29. The event includes wine tasting. For more information, call (805) 963-5339.

## CLASSES

**9 TUE** The Allan Hancock College police Department is sponsoring the North County Rape crisis and child protection center’s **self-defense workshop** at the college’s Lompoc Valley Center physical fitness lab, building 3, room 116 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. To sign up, call 922-6966 or 1 (886) 342-5242, Ext. 3652.

An **Individual Transition Plan session** is offered every Tuesday morning from 8 to 9 a.m. except during the transition assistance seminar week. An ITP is required for military members scheduled to retire or separate at least 90 days before they leave the service. The mandatory counseling session includes information about service member’s benefits. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

**10 WED** The family support center is sponsoring a **resume writing workshop** at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. People can learn how to write a winning resume or update an old one. The class can teach people current formats and styles, hot effective words, and effective power statements to include in their resume. For information and registration, call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557.

The health and wellness center has weekly **nutrition classes** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Topics include heart smart for cholesterol control, meal planning for diabetes, prenatal and child nutrition, and nutrition for health. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

**11 THU** A **U.S. citizenship exam preparation class** will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the FSC. The workshop is designed for non-U.S. citizens who wish to take the U.S. Citizenship Examinations. People can learn application procedures, sample questionnaires, and discover intricacies of becoming a U.S. citizen. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for information and registration.

A **mutual funds basics workshop** will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 12 in the FSC. Participants can learn the basics of investing in mutual funds and how to start their investment portfolio with as little as \$25. For registration and information, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.

The **aerospace education foundation** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members. The scholarship can be used for any reasonable cost related to

pursuing a degree. The deadline for applications is Thursday. Call the base education office at 605-5904 for eligibility requirements.

**Resource Adviser Training** is scheduled for Thursday at 9 a.m. in building 11777, room A-201. This training is open to all resource advisers and cost center managers. To sign up for classes or for more information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carmelita Chadwick at 606-9767.

People can join **jazzercise classes** at the Anderson Recreation Center in Lompoc. Classes offer a blend of jazz dance and exercise science set to popular music. The schedule varies, so call 736-5477 for more information.

## MEETINGS

The **single parents support group** will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Pacific Coast Club. This informal support group will discuss issues or concerns regarding single parenting. For information, call Linda Bastine at 606-9958.

**9 TUE** The **National Society of Military Widows**, Central Coast Chapter 44, meets at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Center the second Wednesday of each month. The center is located between the bowling center and the Four Season’s store. Guest speakers will address issues on items of interest to widows and retirees. For more information, call 606-5474.

**Military retirees** meet at 1 p.m. in the retiree activities center on the third Thursday of the month. Upcoming events include James Raggio, CEO of Lompoc Healthcare District discussing healthcare issues at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 18 and Retiree Appreciation Day beginning at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Pacific Coast Club.

**10 WED** The **Hispanic Heritage Month planning** committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mercedes Zamora at 605-2644 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, Ext. 3718.

**11 THU** The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. For information, call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, Ext. 3627.

The Services Squadron is looking for participants in **Club Focus Groups** at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Quiet Room of the Pacific Coast Club.

## This week on Commander’s Access Channel:

Air Force Television News at 7:30 a.m., 9 p.m., 11 a.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

♦Airmen assigned to Pentagon help in rescue, recovery efforts.

♦Air Force medical teams respond to World Trade Center attack.

♦Air Force steps up security in wake of terrorist attacks.

♦Overseas bases go on heightened alert; local communities respond.

♦Little-known Air Force team puts forensics training to good use.

♦Texas Air Force Base uses new approach to drug crackdown.

♦Air Force takes action on two efforts to privatize operations.

## CHAPEL NOTES

**Catholic Worship Services:**  
Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2  
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel 1  
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Catholic religious education is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the religious education building.  
Confirmation is 11:30 a.m. in the religious education chapel.  
Youth confirmation is Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education chapel.

**Protestant Worship Services:**  
Contemporary Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Traditional service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.  
Gospel service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Protestant religious education opportunities are as follows;  
Summer Sunday school is 10 a.m. in the religious education building.

*For information on other faith groups or questions, contact the chapel staff at 606-5773.*

## AT THE MOVIES

**Friday BUBBLE BOY**  
Starring Jake Gyllenhall and Swoosie Kurtz

Bubble boy is a comedy about a young man who was born without an immune system and has lived his life within a plastic bubble in his bedroom. When he finds out that the woman he has loved since childhood is about to be married at Niagara Falls, he builds a portable bubble suit and ventures into the outside world to win her affections. Rated PG-13 for language and crude sexual humor.

**Saturday BUBBLE BOY**

**Sunday SUMMER CATCH**  
Starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Jessica Biel

This summer couldn’t be more crucial for Ryan Dunne, a blue-collar kid with aspirations to become a major league baseball player. Every summer, the hottest college ball players descend upon Cape Cod to pursue their baseball dreams during the day and blow off steam in town at night. As the friction builds between his loyal townie friends and his cocky teammates, Ryan’s rivalry with hot-shot teammate Eric comes to a head. When a major league scout comes along, however, he tries to push the pangs of romance and player rivalry aside, because his sports talent may be his only ticket out of the small industrial town. Rated PG-13 for sexual content, language and some drinking.

**Oct. 12 RAT RACE**  
Starring Whoopi Goldberg and John Cleese

In Las Vegas, six people participate in a human rat race. Two million dollars is in a duffel bag in a locker in Silver City, New Mexico 700 miles away. The first one there keeps it all. What they don’t know is that their every move is being tracked by gambling-crazed high rollers who are betting on the outcome! Rated PG-13 for sexual reference, crude humor, partial nudity and language.

**Oct. 13 and 14 CAPTAIN CORELLI’S MANDOLIN**  
Starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz

**Oct. 19 ROCK STAR**  
Starring Mark Wahlberg and Jennifer Aniston

**Oct. 20 and 21 THE MUSKETEER**

*All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*



# S30th Services



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## VANDENBERG INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL

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Oct. 22  
Philadelphia  
vs. NY Giants

Oct. 29  
Tennessee  
vs. Pittsburgh

Nov. 5  
Denver  
vs. Oakland

Nov. 19  
NY Giants  
vs. Minnesota

Nov. 26  
Tampa Bay  
vs. St Louis

Dec. 3  
Green Bay  
vs. Jacksonville

Dec. 10  
Indianapolis  
vs. Miami

Dec. 17  
St. Louis  
vs. New Orleans

Dec. 22  
Tennessee  
vs. Oakland

Dec. 29  
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Extended Child Care  
PROGRAM

Extended Child Care Program is a new, exciting program designed to provide care for AF parents, and to increase the base's awareness and understanding of the role and importance of Family Child Care.

Eligible Users:

1. Active duty military personnel assigned to or living on the base, regardless of branch of service.

2. DoD civilians, appropriated and nonappropriated, assigned to the base.

3. Reservists on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training.

4. DoD contractors assigned to the base.

5. First priority must be active duty and DoD civilians.

6. Parents must be enrolled in program, Child Development Center, Youth Center or presently in a Family Child Care home.

7. FCC Coordinator will schedule all extended care.

Extended Care fees have been suspended effective 20. Sept – 20 Oct. 01.

For more information please call Gwen Jones at the FCC Office, 606-3255 or 606-4639.

Why Be  
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• A good way to provide playmates and companionship for your own children.

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SERVICES CENTER

CONTESTANTS WANTED for the  
VANDENBERG FAMILY & TEEN TALENT CONTEST!  
DO YOU HAVE A TALENT? Do You Dance? Sing? Play a Musical Instrument? If you have a talent and would like to enter the Talent Contest, come to the planning meeting at the Services Center, Wednesday at 6 p.m. We also need help with backstage, lighting, sound, props, etc., please call the Services Center at 605-8974 if you would like to volunteer.

YOUTH SPORTS

VAFB YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN UPS -  
Grades: K & 1-2 Coed, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9  
Boys league, Girls league: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Sign up: Saturday, and Oct. 13 & 20 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Youth Soccer Field snack bar. Cost: \$40 (\$35 with youth center discount) Skills Day: info at sign ups. Opening day: Dec. 1. Volunteer: Coaches, scorekeepers, officials are needed. For Information call 606-9373.

LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 2-5, every Thursday at 10 a.m. for the next two weeks. Theme will be Hispanic Heritage Month. Please sign up prior to Thursday storytime by stopping at the Library or call 606-6414.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE FITNESS CENTER

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Starting in October

Track the mileage you run or jog and  
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WOMEN on WEIGHTS  
Fitness Center  
This Tuesday and  
October 16 & 23, 9-10 a.m.  
This is a basic level program to  
help beginners learn form and  
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help beginners learn form and  
exercises in the weight room.





(Above) A patient's blood is drawn to check for serum cholesterol levels. (Right) Capt. Garret Wadsack, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron physical therapist, checks Master Sgt. Lorenzo Lee's, 30<sup>th</sup> MOS, anterior cruciate ligament joint to identify the source of his joint pain. (Below) Col. Whit Campbell, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group commander, and Maj. Gary Miller, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron chief of diagnostic imaging, check a patient's X-rays. Campbell's team focuses on providing first-rate patient care to Team Vandenberg.



(Below) Tech. Sgt. Brian Rosby, 30<sup>th</sup> ADOS allergy and immunizations clinic NCO in charge, administers a TB-tine test to Senior Airman Ro-An Betuel, 392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron.

Dr. (Lt. Col.) Jeffery Baker, 30<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Operations Squadron dentist, fills a cavity for Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kendron Bryant, 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron.



Photos by  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jonathan Pomeroy

# Med+ Group

Vandenberg's health care team provides care in two facilities on the corner of Nebraska and South Dakota Avenue — the main clinic and the aerospace medicine clinic. The clinics provide all the medical services normally found at a base medical facility of its size, including flight and missile medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, primary care, optometry, dental services, gynecology, and mental health.

The clinic staff has developed a referral network of local civilian health care providers who supplement the Vandenberg staff for health care needs not directly available on base. The clinic serves a population of nearly 18,000 people. The Tricare Service Center is located on the main floor of the clinic and can handle all Tricare matters including referrals.

**Duty Hours:** Medical care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. After hours medical advice and referrals from a physician and nurse are available by calling toll free at (888) 252-3299.

**Family Practice Clinic:** Appointments may be scheduled with your Primary Care physician Monday through Friday beginning at 6:45 a.m. for active duty members, 8 a.m. for Tricare Prime enrollees, and 11 a.m. for beneficiaries not enrolled in Tricare Prime. Same day appointments for Tricare Prime members may be scheduled as early as 6:45 a.m.

The Primary Care Clinic number is 606-CARE and is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

**Dental Clinic:** Dental clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Active duty personnel receive notification for their annual exam through their organization. Routine dental care, such as oral surgery, periodontal, prosthodontics, endodontics, and restorative dentistry are available to active-duty members. However, an orthodontist is not assigned.

Active-duty family members are encouraged to participate in the Tricare Dental Program to receive routine dental care through civilian dentists. Retirees and the family members of active-duty who have not enrolled in the TDP are eligible to receive dental care on a space available basis.

**Pharmacy:** Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Refill requests may be called in the day before pick up. When using the phone-in refill service, the automated system will prompt callers to provide the necessary information using a touchtone phone. The refill will be ready the following duty day after noon.



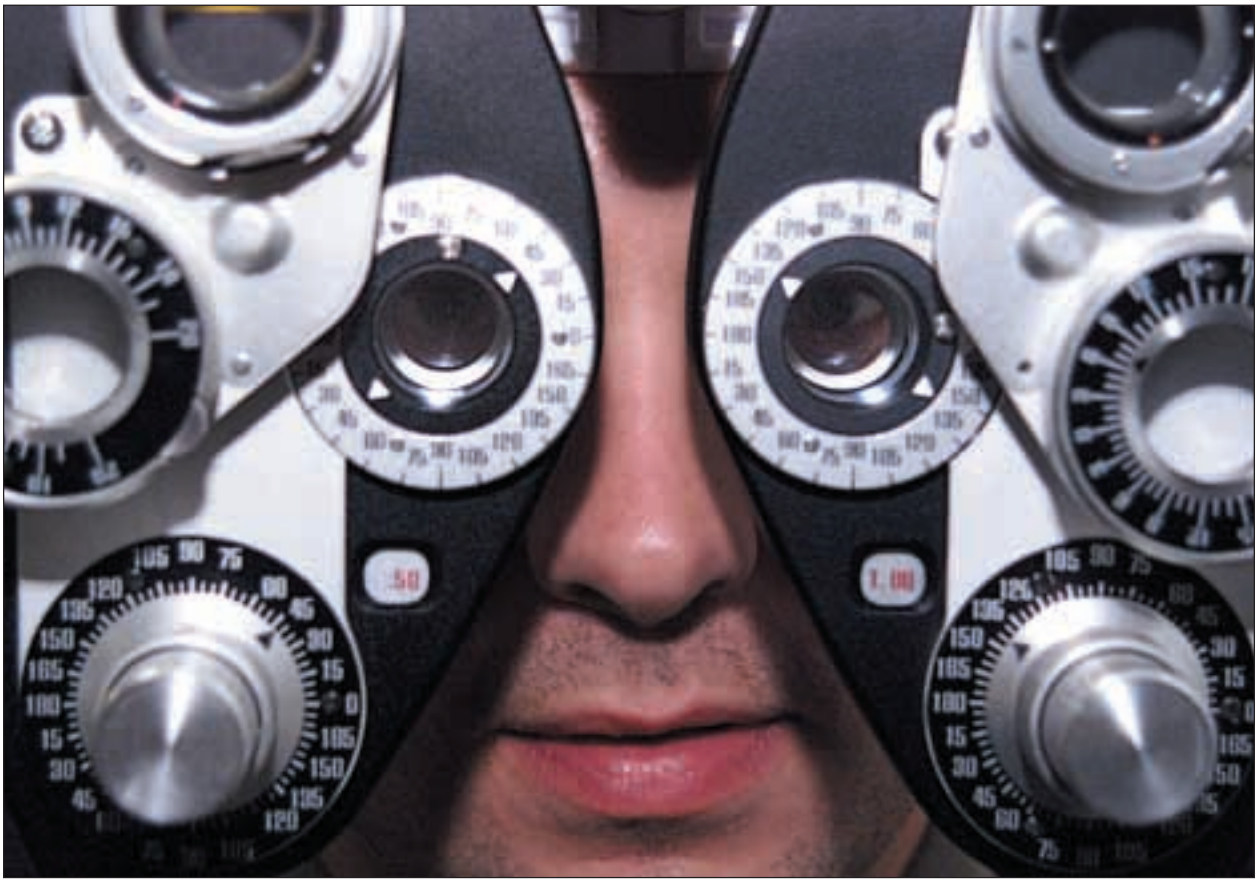
Dr. (Capt.) Patrick Shea, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron dentist, checks 9-month-old Jonathan Pomeroy's heart rate during a well-baby checkup.



Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rob Knapp, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron pharmacy journeyman, pours a patient's pills into a tablet counter to fill a prescription.



Staff Sgt. Marilyn Griffiths, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron medical technician, checks her mobility bag contents prior deployment.



An optometry clinic patient has his eyes checked for any negative errors in visibility with a phoropter.

## Med Group phone numbers

24-hour Health Care Information Line.....	800-611-2883
Family Practice Clinic.....	606-CARE
Dental Clinic.....	606-8860
Flight/Missile Medicine.....	606-5560
Health and Wellness Center.....	606-2221
Vision Care Clinic.....	605-0270 or 734-1008
Breast Education Center.....	605-2120
Mental Health Clinic.....	606-8217/8327/5338
Physical Therapy Department.....	606-6236
Laboratory.....	606-8475
Pharmacy.....	606-7440
Pharmacy Refill.....	605-0200 or (805) 734-1155
Radiology.....	606-8938

## 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group wins accolades

- Whether measuring airborne solids from a peat bog fire or providing top-notch patient care, this year, the professionals of the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group racked up several command and higher headquarters-level awards for 2000 and 2001:
  - ♦ Department of Defense Health Access to Care Award
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group
  - ♦ Air Force Bioenvironmental Engineer Senior NCO of the Year and
  - ♦ Air Force Space Command Bioenvironmental Engineer Senior NCO of the Year
  - Master Sgt. Kevin Reed, 30<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Operations Squadron
  - ♦ AFSPC Spirit of Hope Award
  - Senior Airman (now Staff Sgt.) Eryn McConnell, 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron

- ♦ AFSPC Public Health Airman of the Year
- Staff Sgt. Evangeline San Miguel, 30<sup>th</sup> ADOS
- ♦ AFSPC Bioenvironmental Field Grade Officer of the Year and
- ♦ AFSPC Public Service and Black Engineer of the Year
- Maj. Roger Nelson, 30<sup>th</sup> ADOS
- ♦ AFSPC Bioenvironmental Engineer Flight of the Year
- 30<sup>th</sup> ADOS Bioenvironmental Engineer Flight
- ♦ AFSPC Team Aerospace Award
- 30<sup>th</sup> ADOS
- ♦ AFSPC 2001 National IMAGE Inc. Meritorious Award
- Master Sgt. Eladio Mercado, 30<sup>th</sup> MG
- ♦ AFSPC 2000 National IMAGE Inc. Meritorious Award
- Master Sgt. Nola Veazie, 30<sup>th</sup> MG

30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Vision: "Global Health: Educate, Prevent, Cure"